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Advanced Techniques in Complex Pediatric Spine Surgery - A Hands-on Human Anatomic Specimen Course



March 23, 2012 - March 24, 2012 Miami, Florida, USA

There is significant benefit to cross fertilization of knowledge and techniques between the Pediatric Orthopaedic and Neurological Spine surgeon disciplines to facilitate more cooperation and coordinated care for children. Participants will build a better foundation to manage this complex patient population and develop a cooperative working relationship within the two disciplines. Topics for discussion include pediatric spinal deformity, adolescent idiopathic scoliosis, cervical s[pine deformity, pediatric spinal cord management, advanced treatment options and new techniques. An internationally recognized Faculty with specific expertise in various aspects of Pediatric Spinal surgery will participate. The target audience for this 1 and ½ day course is Pediatric Orthopaedic and Neurological Spine surgeons that participate in the care of complex spinal deformities in children. Enrollment is open to experienced neurological and orthopaedic spine surgeons Participants should be a neurological or orthopaedic spine surgeon whose practice is dedicated to the treatment of pediatric spinal disorders.

Event Summary

Tuition:

Level Name: Participant - Spine Pricing Tier: Attending Tuition: \$850.00

Course Prerequisite(s):

No Prerequisites

Venue:

Doral Golf & Spa Resort - Miami, Florida 4400 North West 87th Avenue

Miami, FL, USA

Phone Number: 305-592-2000

MARC - Miami Anatomical Research Center / Miami, Fl.

8850 N.W. 20th Street Miami, FL, USA

Phone Number: 305-716-0966

Please Note: This course is available to physicians only.

Language(s):

English

Jointly Provided By:

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Professional Level Prerequisite(s):

- Fellow
- Practicing

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CME

Continuing Education Credit: 11.50

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The Continuing Medical Education (CME) mission of AO North America (AONA®) is to provide comprehensive multidisciplinary needs based education to surgeons, fellows, and residents in the specialties of orthopedic, hand, craniomaxillofacial, spine, neurosurgery, and veterinary surgery in the areas of trauma (i.e.), operative reduction and fixation), degenerative disorders, deformities, tumors, and reconstruction.

Expected results of AONA's CME activities for surgeons, fellows, and residents are to:

- Increase their knowledge base and surgical skill level
- Improve competence by applying advances of knowledge in patient care in the areas of trauma, degenerative disorders, deformities, tumors, and reconstructive surgical techniques
- Address practice performance gaps by improving management of aspects of traumatic injuries and musculoskeletal disorders (i.e., preoperative planning to post-operative care)

Learning Objectives

Upon completion, participants should be able to:

- develop a complete, comprehensive evaluation of a child with a complex spinal deformity
- identify non-surgical and surgical options for treating children with a complex spinal deformity including the optimal timing of intervention
- discuss the potential management of complications related to this patient population
- develop and enhance surgical skills and techniques to perform the surgical procedures including growing instrumentation, pedicle and transarticular screws, vertebral osteotomies and vertebral column resection using human anatomic specimens as models

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Carlo Bellabarba, M.D., is a University of Washington School of Medicine professor in the departments of Orthopaedics and Neurological Surgery, and is currently the Chief of Orthopaedics at Harborview Medical Center. Dr. Bellabarba earned his undergraduate biochemistry degree and medical degree from McGill University in Montreal, Canada. Following residency at Rush University in Chicago and fellowships at Northwestern University in Chicago and Tampa General Hospital, he joined the faculty at the University of Washington School of Medicine where he has served at Harborview Medical Center since 1999. His clinical interests include surgical treatment of the full range and complexity of spine conditions, including spine trauma; degenerative spine conditions; spine deformity; spine infections; and spine tumors. He has published over 100 peer-reviewed journal articles, given over 500 lectures and scientific presentations nationally and internationally, and has mentored over 80 spine and orthopaedic trauma fellows.



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Dr. Michael Daubs, professor and Chair of the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery at the UNLV School of Medicine, he treats disorders of the neck and back including fractures, herniated discs, stenosis, spondylolisthesis, scoliosis and other complex spinal deformities. He specializes in surgery of the spine in both children and adults. Board certified, he is a member of many national and international research and education organizations and enjoys the privilege of instructing his fellow spine surgeons at medical conferences around the world. He currently serves as the Chair of AO Spine North America and is a Director of the American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery.



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